

Career Outlook: Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Majors: Environmental Studies (B.S.) **Indigenous Sustainability Studies (B.S.)**New Major

Minors: Environmental Science, Sustainability, Indigenous Sustainability Studies, Water Science

Fields of Emphasis: Environmental Health and Toxicology, Ecosystem, Geohydrology

Department Website: <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/css/environmental-studies/>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports environmental scientists and specialists held about 87,100 jobs in 2020. 25% were employed in management, scientific and technical consulting services. About 36% of environmental scientists were employed in state and local governments; and 10% were employed in engineering services.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for environmental scientists and specialists is expected to grow 8% (as fast as average) through 2030, with people established in their career earning between \$42,960 and \$129,450 per year. The median annual wages of environmental scientists and specialists were \$73,230 in 2020. Many hold graduate degrees.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Environmental Studies graduates. Of the 22 Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Environmental Studies graduates, 46.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation, and 13.8% of graduates continued their education. The one Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Indigenous Sustainability Studies graduate reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation)

Johnson Outdoors	GIS	Little Falls, MN
Bay West	Environmental Technician	St. Paul, MN
GeoComm	GIS Specialist	St. Cloud, MN
Jenkin's Restoration	Mold Remediation Technician	Chantilly, VA
Montana Natural Heritage Program	Hydraulic Technician	Helena, MT
Wright County Parks and Recreation	Recreation Specialist	Buffalo, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Granite Falls, MN
- St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
- University of Idaho, Moscow, ID

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>

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